



them then, I am with them now. It is a part of that faith, and a part which will not be compromised, that the slaves of the South are to be freed under the free soil of the continent. They embrace this great principle as a part of their creed, and as a principle of action, of self-sacrifice, and in the face of all opposition.

They will adhere to their principles; they will make them the law of the land, the law of the nation, the law of the empire, the rule of the world.

The world will follow, and that is the end for the object the proslavery of their principles. The gentlemen from Illinois would read that.

With the election of Mr. Fillmore, the Democratic State will be past hope in Pennsylvania. That

State will then have taken its position, and it will be

in the hands of the slaves to be freed.

They will allow the gentlemen from Illinois to

communicate them from the Democratic party,

and then one jot or tittle from their principles.

I have said, Mr. Chairman, in my judgment

they will be past hope, and without

agitation, and without this protracted

which some gentlemen prefer to think estranged

from us, for right, may be, as proslavery as

it is not my purpose, Mr. Chairman, to re-

fer upon the motives or conduct of any gentleman

in the South, but I do not feel

so strongly that the true way to

settle existing controversies is by patched

and half-baked out-of-the-way measures,

as by the great and simple statement of the

principles upon which this country

was founded, and which this country

which all good questions should be set

in a Government like our own—by a frank and

honest recognition of the other, and other

other half of Congress of the voice of our repre-

sentatives.

Let every man vote as his con-

ditions dictate, to him, and to his election to

set in this Hall—their, sir, you would have ex-

pected the voice of the country. A settlement upon

the question of the slaves would be

in the hands of the spirit and genius of

our institutions. Upon that basis alone ought

to be a settlement, and when that is fully

acted upon, the present controversy would

never have had an existence. The question of Slav-

ery in our country is not, as it is often

represented, set forth on the side of Freedom. But it

would seem that a different atmosphere prevails

now, from that which gentlemen bring to this

President, and the passage dispensed from the

high office. Men become the mere parrots of

the political party to which they belong, and I am

surely a good man, as I will be a good

woman, when infected with my principles.

Mr. Chairman, I have a strong

confidence in the friends of Freedom.

The Democracy had always contended

and succeeded to the Slave Power. Such, but

shortly, as in the case of the Northern Whigs, in and out of this House. I well

remember with what zeal and clarity we

used to talk about the Slave Power. But it

was not the present question that was no doubt

the most interesting of those days.

Who is blind as to see that a great

change has come over the leaders of that party, and that they are no longer the friends of

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## Poetry.

For the National Anti-Slavery Standard.  
A MONTH IN THE CAPITOL—THE CONTRAST.  
BY WM. Z. WALKER.

"I was aching,  
And the last beams of the departing day  
Tinged, with a feeble light, the domes and spires  
That, proudly towering, reared themselves above  
The City of a Nation's bier.  
The shadows of the night then reflected back  
"The last faint glimmer of departing day."  
Soon after, far greater than the rest;  
Gloomy and grand, it stood, and fronted, 'op  
A starry flag that flamed in the dark.  
Night—  
The shadows had gathered round  
That bended dome; and in the mighty throng  
Each eye seemed eager, and each tongue was bashed;  
And eagerly sheen upon the form  
Of one who, though forth, announces, hark!  
There is no change.  
Each head was bowed in silent grief;  
Within, a Nation's Chief is struck by death;  
And round his dying couch, anxious and sorrowful,  
That Nation's children grieve.

"The midnight,  
Darkness broods over the sombre scenes—  
There it is shrouded, cold, and dreary;  
And He around whose dying couch they came,  
Calyx and quiet had passed away.  
Upon the 'lightning's track' the message speeds  
Far o'er the land; may there be that watch,  
In every city; and as the tidings come,  
Slowly and solemnly each rises;  
And they are mournful.

"Tis morn,  
Brightly and swiftly shines the morning sun;  
The morning breeze waves proudly forth that flag,  
And through the city rings the buoy "note  
Of preparation" for the nation's trials.  
But, though the day is dark, the sun has hung  
Over the Capitol, there is more—  
All gathered, from among them, our stands forth  
To take the honored place of him who lies  
Lifeless and cold, in gloomy state.  
The earth is swelled, and, lo! the Chair of State  
Once more is filled.

A month has passed away, and now again 'tis night  
Again the last beams of the setting sun—  
Illuminate those spires; again the fold  
Of that proud flag is gaily borne in air;  
But, though the day is dark, the sun has hung  
Over the Capitol, there is more—  
Up from the crowded street rose shout and laugh,  
And many a sound of mirth and reckless play;  
And mirth, too, from halls of luxury,  
And from the boudoirs, too, from the boudoirs.  
And mirth, brings home his off to boudoir;  
But, mingling with its most voluptuous softness—  
The rose from halls where rang the gayest peal,  
Where tripped the light foot in giddy dance—  
Was to be bidden a sad and despair.  
Out there, where the shadows of the day were ery;  
Out there, where bosoms longed to be free;  
In that sad hall was heard the bitter cry  
Of fathers, from their helpless children torn.  
Of sons, of our brothers, fallen in inheritance;  
A life of toil, a life of toil, a life of toil.  
The prayer for freedom, mingling with the curse  
Of hate, and impatience for revenge;  
Within a little room, a group of men  
Had gathered—where those drowsy glooms bled  
With all that gaudy fire which men applaud,  
While, in the gloomy boudoirs, the gloomy eyes  
To drowsy dreams, perchance to dreams of death.  
And with them, there is one who comes to wrest  
His victim from the haughty spoiler's grasp.

"Tis midnight  
Change we the scene: the stars shine dimly down  
Upon a doored, save a group  
Of whispering men, we seem like them that come  
With the shadows of the day, they're coming now  
Hark!—the sound of which, they're coming now  
Crouched in the gloom, each one prepares his arms.  
Secure, the victim carelessly approach,  
The scene of new-found freedom on their lips.  
\* \* \* \* \*A clash of gleaming halvers—a storm of blows—  
A shower of lesser rains—a struggle fierce.  
\* \* \* \* \*The fight is past, and with it passed away  
The dress of happiness. An hour ago,  
And they were mad, and now they wear the yoke  
Of slavery, so they seem like them that come  
Blown to pieces, yet partially bound, they stand,  
Sava one, who, wounded, yet dying death,  
Sessing all loose, sprang his enemies,  
And, madly dealing them scald, escaped.  
And with them, bound and blushing like the rest,  
He who could have rescued them from bonds  
Who, can tell the anguish of his heart?  
He periled all to save them—all was lost.

"Tis morn,  
Again the morning sun illuminates  
The scene, and here the sombre starry flag  
Waves forth so freely on the bosom of moon.  
As if that frenzied form not the boughs of slaves.  
The news spreads forth upon the 'lightning's track,'  
"Slave-stealer caught," thousands take up the cry.  
"Slave-stealer caught," though it is not the name  
Him it mentioned, but, bethold, the boughs  
And how the head, in reverence profound;  
Bring laurels of wreath—wreath each strip and star  
Of your proud flag—the flag of freedom's host.  
Our slaves are safe, and in the Union's bosom,  
And brotherly hand, we'll wreath the chains  
That gall your bleeding limbs.  
Remember they are only "cords of love."  
To draw into light and liberty.

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And how the head, in reverence profound;

Surrender him!—  
No, never, by God!  
He's now with the brave  
On Freedoms' own soil!  
His servitude's over,  
He lives with the free—  
A bondman no more,  
A Freeman is he!

## Miscellany.

## PATRICK HENRY.

THE following is from the pov. of the Rev. Dr. Alexander, of Princeton Seminary:

From my earliest childhood I have been accustomed to the name of Patrick Henry. On the subject there existed not one opinion in the country.

The power of his eloquence was felt equally by all.

He spoke, on any important occasion, could fail to

admit his power over the minds of his hearers.

The man in his power was a man to be reckoned with.

He was recorded by Mr. White, in his life of Henry.

What I propose in this brief article is to mention only one of his speeches, and that but in a few words.

Being then a young man just entering

on a profession in which good speaking was very important, he was anxious to assert the truth of certain ideas.

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